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ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS DOWN 4 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

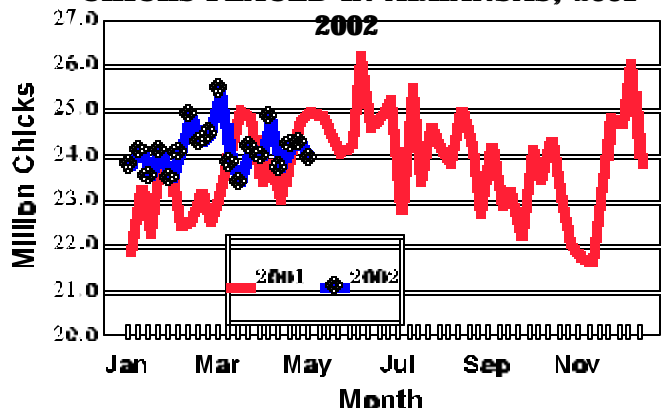
Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas was 24.0 million during the week ending May 11, 2002. Placements were down 4 percent from the comparable week in 2001, and down 2 percent from the previous week, and included 2.4 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2001 through May 11, 2002 were 460.1 million, up 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week was 25.2 million, up 1 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, but down 2 percent from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 3.1 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 83.6 percent.

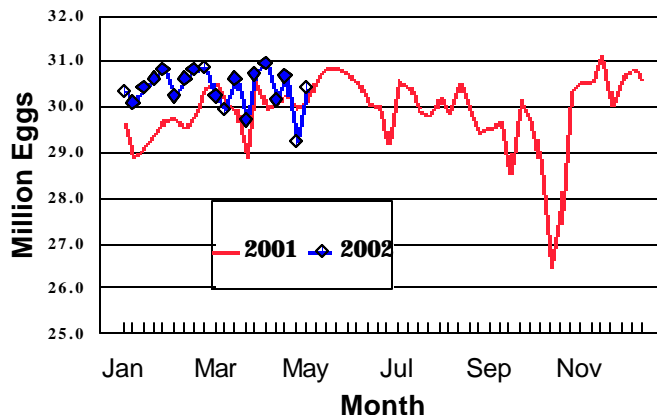
Arkansas hatcheries set 30.4 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending May 11, 2002, up 1 percent from the same period last year, and up 4 percent from the previous week.

Week Ending	NET PLACEMENTS			CHICKS HATCHED			EGGS SET		
	2001	2002	%	2001	2002	% Change	2001	2002	% Change
	1,000			1,000			1,000		
Apr. 6	23,484	24,056	102	25,003	24,711	99	30,602	30,730	100
Apr. 13	23,908	24,951	104	24,822	25,468	103	30,029	30,962	103
Apr. 20	23,120	23,786	103	23,852	24,659	103	30,087	30,175	100
Apr. 27	24,291	24,331	100	25,267	25,454	101	30,253	30,698	101
May 4	24,824	24,356	98	24,919	25,694	103	30,017	29,253	97
May 11	25,067	23,986	96	25,054	25,216	101	30,173	30,436	101

CHICKS PLACED IN ARKANSAS, 2001 -



EGGS SET 2001 - 2002



BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 19 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2002

STATE	EGGS SET (in Thousands)					CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)						
	Week Ending				1/	Week Ending						1/
	20-Apr	27-Apr	04-May	11-May	%	06-Apr	13-Apr	20-Apr	27-Apr	04-May	11-May	%
Alabama	29,297	29,268	29,711	29,988	101	21,763	22,191	22,148	22,014	22,067	22,425	111
ARKANSAS	30,175	30,698	29,253	30,436	101	24,056	24,951	23,786	24,331	24,356	23,986	96
Delaware	3,501	3,583	3,624	3,625	99	5,708	4,734	4,886	5,072	5,287	6,108	113
Florida	2,363	2,390	2,400	2,418	101	2,321	2,303	2,591	2,428	2,377	2,160	91
Georgia	32,277	30,935	31,474	32,938	101	26,128	25,930	25,517	26,800	26,605	26,443	103
Kentucky	6,507	6,292	7,045	6,524	103	5,149	5,214	5,182	5,639	5,713	5,431	101
Maryland	9,962	9,803	10,060	10,057	101	5,815	5,944	6,477	6,225	6,176	5,406	89
Mississippi	18,645	18,097	19,020	19,115	100	15,542	15,423	16,057	16,111	16,001	15,569	105
N. Carolina	20,269	19,585	19,591	19,956	105	14,771	15,423	15,161	15,260	15,213	15,705	106
Oklahoma	6,592	6,478	6,411	6,063	98	5,377	4,778	4,642	5,489	3,444	5,395	115
Pennsylvania	3,933	3,856	3,878	3,599	94	2,693	2,627	2,591	2,856	2,715	2,756	103
S. Carolina	4,668	4,751	4,549	4,785	94	3,623	4,143	4,377	3,865	3,828	3,766	85
Texas	15,461	15,544	15,504	15,513	102	12,109 *	12,215	12,235	12,323	12,205	12,167	102
Virginia	6,451	6,503	6,588	6,450	97	6,211	5,376	5,180	5,249	5,186	5,211	99
CA,LA,MO,TN,WV	20,652	20,537	20,274	20,863	99	17,712	18,332	18,319	18,928	21,609	18,588	91
Total 2002	210,753	208,320	209,382	212,330		168,978 *	169,584	169,149	172,590	172,782	171,116	
Total 2001	208,047	207,599	208,126	208,089		166,671	167,985	166,671	170,301	169,232	167,920	
%PREV. YEAR	101	100	101	102		101	101	101	101	102	102	
APPROXIMATE MARKETING DATE 2002						25-May	01-Jun	08-Jun	15-Jun	22-Jun	29-Jun	

* Revised . 1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 2 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-state weekly program set 212 million eggs during the week ending May 11, 2002. This was up 2 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 2 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-state weekly program placed 171 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 11, 2002. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week in 2001. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2001 through May 11, 2002 were 3.22 billion, down 5 percent from same period a year earlier.

The 15 State total is being discontinued on May 15, 2002.